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Twentieth Sunday of the Year [A]

20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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**St. Bride's:** By request.

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### *Mustard Seeds*

#### ✠ The Mary Prayer

Recently ordained, Fr. Larry arrived at his first pastoral assignment. He would never forget that first night. He was just dozing off when he heard a voice. "Get up, Father. Someone at 55 Water Street is in desperate need of you." There was nothing mysterious about the voice. He knew that. In those days, long before electronics, there was a speaking tube that ran from the front door up to the bedroom. There was a megaphone at both ends. If there was an emergency during the night, the caller would speak into the megaphone. His or her voice would be heard upstairs. It was so bitterly cold! He ran down the stairs, pulling his bathrobe around him. The frigid wind had drifted the snow waist-high against the door and the side of the building where the outdoor end of the tube and megaphone hung. There was no one there. He knew that voice was real. He dressed as fast as he could, took his little black bag and plunged into the midnight blizzard. It seemed like hours before he found the house. It was dilapidated and obviously deserted. Still, driven by the urgency of the message he had heard, he knocked and then pounded on the door. There was no answer. The rear door was ajar, but stuck. He pushed it open finally and stepped inside. In the white glare of moonlight seeping through the dirty windows, he could see a man's body huddled on what had been the kitchen floor. Fr. Larry knelt beside him. The man was dressed in rags. He was a tramp. The smell of stale beer was almost nauseating. The old man was conscious. He was trembling in the cold. Father wrapped him in his overcoat. He was able to hear his confession. He gave him Holy Communion and anointed him. Afterwards, he told the dying man how he happened to be there. Then he asked the man, "You must have done something special in your life to gain this kind of extraordinary intervention. What was it?" "No. Nothing," the man mumbled. "I've never done anything. I've wasted away my whole life -- never did anything for anybody..." "But you must have done something," Fr. Larry persisted. The old man just shook his head. "Nothing." "I'll get help." Father started toward the door. As he reached it, he heard the man say, "Well, there might have been one thing..., 'cept I don't like to talk about it, 'cause, I didn't do it well or nothing." "What was it?" Fr. Larry whispered. "Aw Father, I don't like to mention it, 'cause I did it when I was drunk, sometimes in bars, making fun of it. I'd do it when I'd go to sleep under bridges with other guys...but I did it all these years... badly though..." "What? What did you do?" "When I was a little kid, my mum told me that if I'd say the 'Mary Prayer' every day as often as I would think of it, I wouldn't die alone... that I wouldn't die without having a priest to confess to and to give me the Last... Oh Father, I'm dying, ain't I? And what my mum said was true." He smiled. Then he sighed, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me, please, now and at the hour of my death." Then he went home to his Mother, both of them. "The Mary Prayer." What a simple, hope-filled petition of love! For all of us. Everyday. As often as we think of it.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE  
BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU OR PASS IT  
ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THANKS!**

# 20<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year 2023 [A]

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		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Ann McDonald (RD), Margaret Pacewicz (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>Memorial of St Pius X</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Desmond McGarvey (A), Frank &amp; Maria McEvoy (A)</i>			
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	<b>Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Jean Ward (A), Peter Grant (RD)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	<b>Memorial of St Rose of Lima</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Margaret Johnston (B), Brian Collins (A)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Feast of St Bartholomew, apostle</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for James McDermott (MM), Ian Monan (RD)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year</b> Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am <b>Mass at 10am</b> <i>Offered for Kathleen Langridge (A)</i> <b>Exposition and Benediction 10.30am</b>	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am (L)	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Vigil Mass at 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Bridie Maher (A), Taylor &amp; McCann Families (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Irene Coby, Harry Sammons, Kenneth Brawley.*



### ✚ Those who have died recently:

*Ian Monan, Mary Gibson, Peter Grant,  
Jim McDermott, Ann McDonald.*

### ✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Kathleen Langridge, Jim Boyle 2017, William Kelly 2004,  
Matthew McCabe 2002, Maria McEvoy 2002,  
Mary McEvoy 1993, Josephine Quadling,  
Jane Leonard 1998, Andrew McCarroll 1996, Dan Murray 1981,  
Ellen Tourish 1971, Frances Burns 2017,  
Father William McBurnie 1953, John McLaughlin 2014,  
Jimmy McVeigh 2007, Felix Quigg 1994, Josie Walsh 2003,  
Daniel Byers 1994, Ella Cairns, Bridie Maher 2015,  
Maureen Taylor 2019, Catherine Fitzsimmons 2004,  
Jim McManus 1997, John Quinn 2015,  
Catherine Bell Boyle 2004, Annie McCormick 1976,  
Giocondo Michelin 1959, Connor Collins 1978, Harry Currie 2008,  
John O'Donnell 2009, Mick Smith 1998, Patricia Sullivan 2006.*

## Re-Introduction of Chalice Communion

It is possible again to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice and we would like to re-introduce this at St Peter's and St Bride's on the first Sunday of September, 2nd/3rd September 2023. I strongly encourage all of you to return to receiving Holy Communion under both forms and to remind ourselves about the precious gift of Jesus that we have been given in the Holy Eucharist. We can ask ourselves: "Is my relationship with Jesus, is what I do connected to the Eucharist? Is it the source and summit of who I am as a Catholic?" Jesus Christ is truly and wholly present under both species of bread and wine. The church teaches that Jesus is fully present ... in the smallest crumb of bread or the smallest drop of wine. Receiving Holy Communion under both species, however, is a 'fuller' sign. The church also teaches it is an important sign of the death and resurrection of Jesus because he gave his body and his blood. It is an important sign to have both. The "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" puts it this way: Holy Communion "has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds. For in this matter of reception, the Eucharistic banquet shines forth."

## NOTABLE DATE

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1953: Father William McBurnie died.

## **St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices**

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** We welcome to the Family of the Church Lucia Maria Irene Lundy who will be baptised this Saturday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparent.

► **WHITHORN PILGRIMAGE** The Annual Pilgrimage to Whithorn will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August with Mass on the shore at 4pm. There will be Mass in the church of St Martin and St Ninian at 4.30pm for those unable to walk to the beach. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for anyone wishing to go on the coach travelling from the three towns. Please note because of increased fuel prices there will be a charge of £6 per person to offset costs.

► **ST BRIDE'S FAMILY FUN DAY** A meeting to finalise the arrangements will take place on Monday 21st August at 7pm in St Bride's Church Hall.

► **KNIT AND KNATTER GROUP** The group will be starting back at 1pm on Wed. 6th Sept. in St Peter's Centre Snug. Looking forward to seeing our old members and perhaps some new members at the start of another fruitful and fun year.

► **ST BRIDES MONTHLY DRAW** So far we have sold 32 tickets, we need more people to join. £12 for the year and your name is in 12 Draws. If you wish you can put your money and names, with contact details, into an envelope and either hand it in on a Sunday or pop it through the letter box of the Chapel House. Remember 1/2 of the money goes on Prizes and 1/2 to the Church Funds.

### **An Eight-year-old explains God**

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk, He can just leave that to mothers and fathers. God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like priests and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. Since He hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Bolton. At least there aren't any who come to our church. Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore, He could stay in heaven. So He did. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the times. You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway. If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I think that God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And that's why I believe in God."

### **The Beauty of the Eucharist**

I was asked once: What would have to happen for you to leave the Catholic Church? I thought about the question for a long time. I combed through the lowest moments in Catholic history, testing each to see if one of them would have been the breaking point that made me leave. But after thinking it through I decided I could never leave the Catholic Church. The reason is because I believe that Jesus is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity, in the Eucharist. Where else can I get the Eucharist? Sure, some other churches might have better music, but in the whole scheme of things music is trivial compared to the Eucharist. Other churches might have more engaging preachers, but these are trivial compared to the Eucharist. When we go to Mass on Sunday the danger is in thinking that the music and the homily are the most important things. Don't take the trivial and make it important. That's the way of the world. Get clear about what's really important, what matters most, and life will be a lot simpler and more joyful. At Mass on Sunday, the homily could be in a language I don't understand, the music could be a complete train wreck, there could be kids running up and down the aisles screaming at the top of their lungs, throwing crayons and eating snacks (or eating crayons and throwing snacks), and that's OK- because the moment when I receive the Eucharist is a pivotal moment in my week. It's a moment of transformation, a moment when I get to receive who and what I wish to become. And I could never leave - that. It doesn't matter how good the music or preaching is elsewhere; I cannot leave the Eucharist. I will not leave Jesus. I hope you won't either. *[Matthew Kelly]*

#### **ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023: £543.60

Second Collection (Building Fund): £263.09

#### **ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory Cash Collection 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023: £77.00

#### **ST BRIDE'S MUSIC SYSTEM FUND**

Cash Donations £634, Just Giving £200, Total £834

*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

**Just for a Laugh...** A Rabbi and his friend, a Catholic priest, were having a discussion when the rabbi asked "Could you ever be promoted within your church?" The priest responded, "Well, one day, I hope to become a bishop." The rabbi asked, "And then?" The priest thought for a second and responded, "Well, then I might become a cardinal." The rabbi again asked, "And then?" The priest again pondered the question before responding "Then I would become Pope!" The rabbi, still unsatisfied, asked "And then?" The priest, exasperated, cried "What else could I become? God Himself!?" The rabbi quietly responded, "One of our boys made it".



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